

SALVATION ARMY

or do you know of
an old gray dime
that has been rolling around for years
that looked like a politician
that has been laundered
that looked like a polecat
that looked like an Indian chief
that has been scalped

CIVIL CONFLICT

Or do you know of a deadlock
Or the stars have been locked to the moon
Or a cloud has been locked to a cloud
Or the sun has been locked to the sky
Or the seas have been locked to our shores
Or the gray skies have been locked to the blue skies
Or the gray troops have been locked to the blue troops
Or do you know of the rattling of the sword
Or do you know of the rattling of chains

CRUST OF BREAD

How little do you know
Of your old thumb
Of where it has been
Of what it has done
How little do you know
Of the moon
If the moon is for the platter
How little do you know
Of your old thumb
That is upholding the platter
How little do you know
Of a crust of bread
On top of the platter